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E. O. 11652: GDS

TAGS: PINS, SREF, CVIS, TU, BU(VULKOV AND PUNCHEV)

SUBJ: REQUEST FOR REFUGEE STATUS

REF: STATE 169642 AND PREVIOUS

1. CONGENOFF CALLED ON DEPUTY GOVERNOR OF ISTANBUL TO ADVISE OF APPROACH BY BULGARIANS VULKOV AND PUNCHEV AND TO REQUEST ASSURANCE FROM GOVERNOR'S OFFICE THAT GOT WOULD PLACE BULGARIANS IN INTERNATIONAL REFUGEE CHANNELS AND WOULD NOT RPT NOT REPATRIATE THEM TO BULGARIA AGAINST THEIR WILL. AT SAME TIME WE INFORMED DPTY GOV THAT EMBASSY IN ANKARA REQUESTING SAM ASSURANCES FROM APPROPRIATE GOT AUTHORITIES AND ALSO RAISING CASE WITH UNHCR REP. IN ADDITION WE TOLD DPTY GOV THAT VULKOV HAD BEEN REFERRED TO TURKISH AUTHORITIES BY CONGEN ISTANBUL LAST FEBRUARY FOR REFUGEE PROCESSING AND THAT HE CLAIMS HE WAS RETURNED TO BULGARIA BY TURKISH OFFICIALS IN APRIL OF THIS YEAR.

2. DEPUTY GOV. WHO IS RESPONSIBLE FOR POLICE AND SECURITY, INCLUDING REFUGEE MATTERS , SAID IT WOULD NOT RPT NOT BE POSSIBLE TO PROVIDE ADVANCE ASSURANCE OF NON REPATRIATION OF TWO BULGARIANS. HE ADDED THAT CORRECT PROCEDURE WAS FOR POLICE OFFICIALS TO INVESTIGATE BACKGROUND OF INDIVIDUALS AND CIRCUMSTANCES OF THEIR ARRIVAL IN TURKEY AND THEN TO FORWARD THIS INFORMATION TO MINISTRY OF FOREIGN AFFAIRS WHICH WOULD MAKE A DECISION BASED ON CONFIDENTIAL

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TURKISH LAWS AND EXISTING AGREEMENTS.

3. EMBASSY HAS INFORMED US THAT THEY ALSO HAVE MADE
REPRESENTATION ON THIS CASE AND ARE REPORTING BY SEPTEL.

4. BULGARIANS ARE RETURNING TO CONGEN AT 16:00 LOCAL TIMES. UNLESS
OTHERWISE INSTRUCTED WE WILL ADVISE VULKOV AND PUNCHEV
TO REPORT TO THE TURKISH AUTHORITIES.

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